



**Friday 17 March 2023**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Thank you for your support with today's non-uniform day in aid of Comic Relief and the Red Cross and your contributions to the School Council fundraising bake sale.

**Key dates for your diary**

Tuesday 21 March	Year 9 DTP/MACWY immunisations
Wednesday 22 March	Careers Fair for all year groups
Thursday 23 March	Ramadan begins
Monday 27 to Thursday 30 March	Autism Acceptance Week and End of Term Achievement Assemblies
Tuesday 28 March	Global Majority Parent Group meeting (5.30-6.30pm in LRC)
Thursday 30 March	<b>Last Day of Term for students – 2.50pm finishing time</b>
Friday 31 March	Staff training day (Site is closed to students)
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April	Easter holiday
Monday 17 April	<b>Summer term begins for all students. Normal start time of 8.40am.</b>

**Forthcoming roadworks at Clapton roundabout**

Transport for London have started construction of the new Cycleway on the Lea Bridge roundabout. This may cause traffic delays. Please ensure your child allows plenty of time to get to school.

**Edenred vouchers**

Hackney Council have confirmed they will be funding FSM vouchers during the Easter Break. The value of the vouchers will be **£20** per child and only for those children eligible for benefit related free school meals. We are planning to email the vouchers to eligible parents on Friday 24 March 2023.

**Careers Fair – Wednesday 22 March**

We will be running a Careers Fair on 22 March. All students will be able to attend during a scheduled slot in their school day, and will have the opportunity to speak to over 20 organisations and employers, including the Civil Service, Better Gyms, the Fire Service, the British Academy of Jewellers, the NHS and our academy business partners, Sir Robert McAlpine, Reach Out 2 Kids, Jelly London, Linklaters, UEL and Goldsmiths.

**Global Majority Parents Group**

The next Global Majority Parents Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 28 March at 5.30pm. All parents' voices are important and help shape the school. Come along, get involved and make a difference.

**Anti-bullying**

At CGA, we take a strong stance against bullying of any kind, whether in person or online. We ensure that students are educated about the difference between conflict and bullying and teach them how to identify bullying. Students are also fully supported to report bullying anonymously, whether it happens to themselves, or they witness the bullying of a peer. We have strong systems in place to ensure that instances



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of bullying are responded to appropriately and fairly, which focus on supporting the victim and enabling change for the child who has bullied. If you have any questions or concerns about bullying, please email us at [CGA@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:CGA@clapton.hackney.sch.uk). Advice for parents around bullying is also available on the anti-bullying alliance website by following this link [Advice for parents and carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](http://Adviceforparentsandcarers(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk))

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

We currently offer the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in Year 10 (Bronze) and Year 12 (Silver) and have camping expeditions taking place in May and June this year. In order to give all students the opportunity to participate in the award, we aim to provide tents for all groups, but due to a very large cohort this year we are short of supplies. If you have any suitable expedition tents or rucksacks which you would be willing to donate to the school, please drop these off at main reception on Laura Place. If any families are in a position to be able to purchase a tent or rucksack to add to the school supplies, please use the links below and have them delivered to the academy address. Finally, a donation option has been added to all Parent Pay accounts. If you are able to give any amount of money, we would be most grateful.

Tent: <https://www.gooutdoors.co.uk/15906216/vango-nova-300-3-person-tent-15906216>

Rucksack: <https://www.gooutdoors.co.uk/15989082/eurohike-nepal-65-rucksack-15989082>

### **Save the date: CGA International Evening – Wednesday 26 April 5-8pm**

On Wednesday 26 April 2023, we will be welcoming families to our first International Evening. This event will include an Iftaar and celebration of Eid and is being planned by students, staff and the Global Majority Parent Group and Friends of CGA. On the night, you can expect to see a variety of performances, including dance, drama, spoken word, music (steel Pan and choir) and a fashion show. Other attractions will include exhibitions of cultural wear, pieces of student artwork and books reflecting the diversity of our community. Due to seating capacity in the Nightingale Hall, this will be a ticketed event, with a maximum of two tickets per student. Over the next few weeks, please look out for the link to book free tickets and sign up to offer donations of cakes, sweets and desserts for this event.

Kind regards,

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